CHILDREN HAVE RIGHTS

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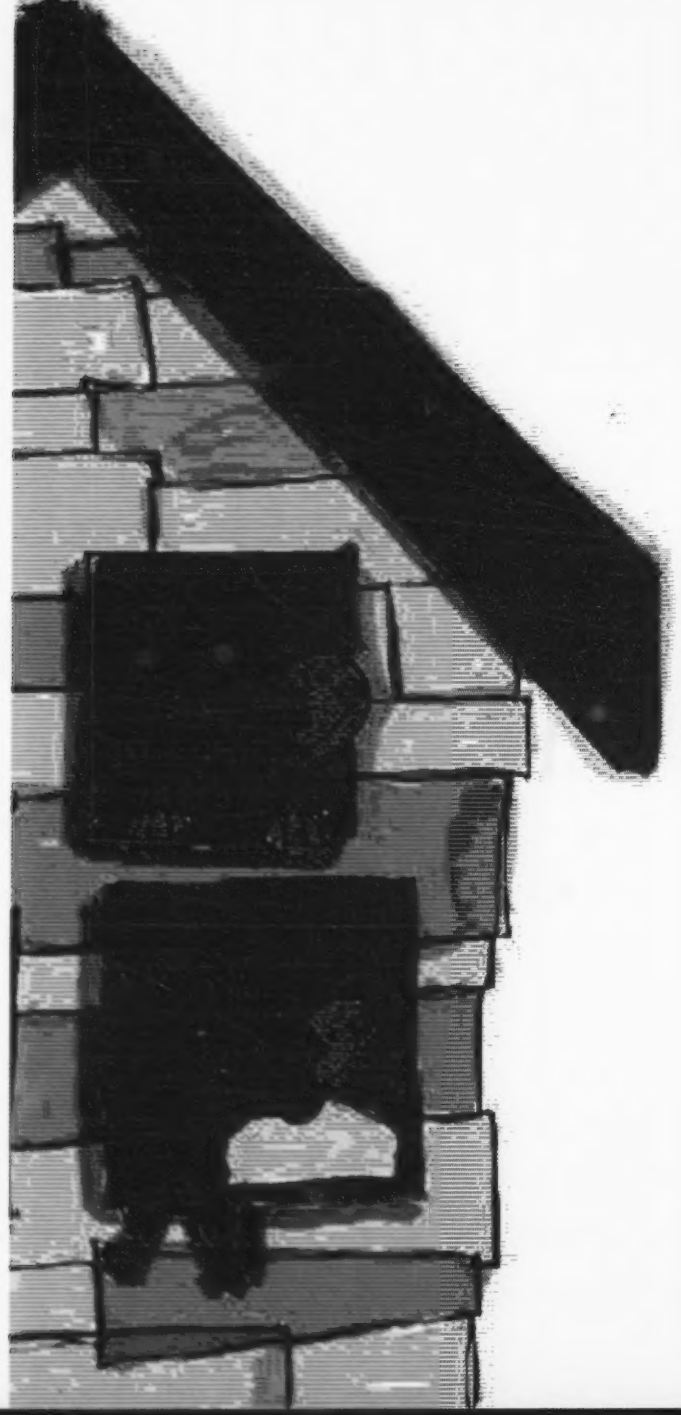


Lots of young people get help from Alberta Children and Youth services.

Sometimes this help is given

when young people LIVE AT HOME

Sometimes this help is given when

when young people LIVE AWAY FROM HOME in places like foster homes or group homes.

If I am a young person getting help
from Alberta Children and Youth Services

I have a CASEWORKER,
no matter WHERE I am
living or WHO I am living with.

I also have RIGHTS.

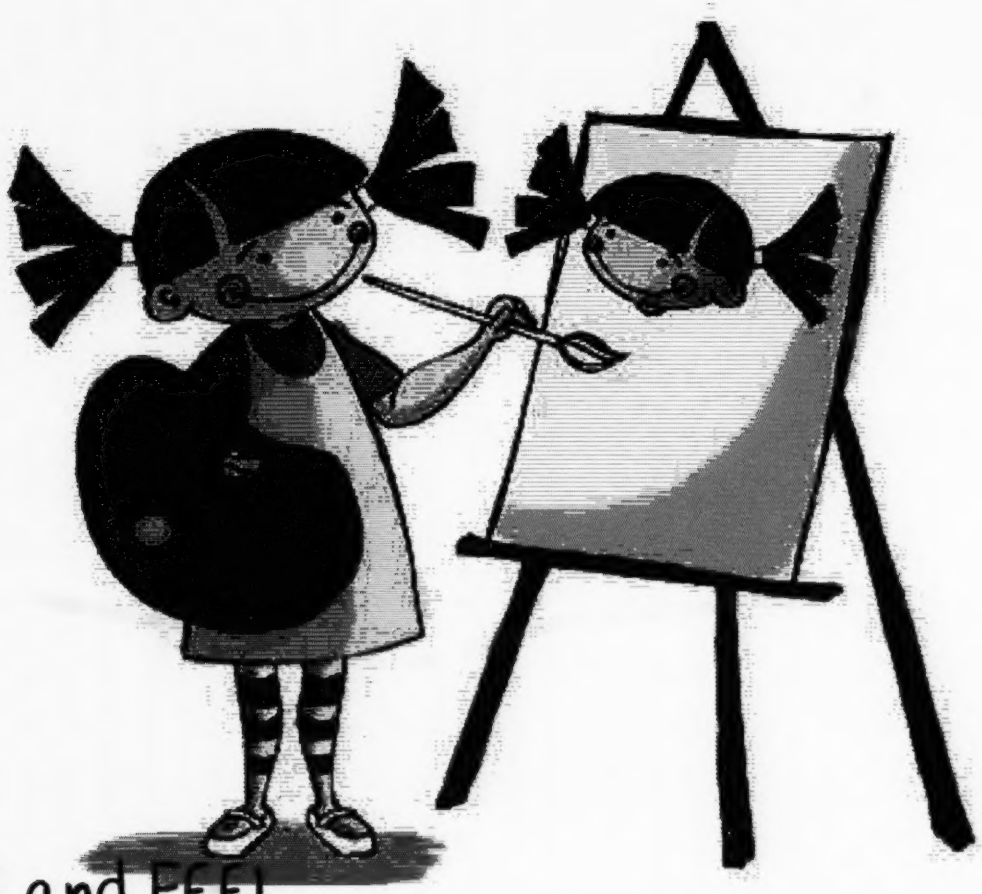
Some of the most
important rights are:

I have the right to

live with people who
CARE about me,
RESPECT me and KEEP
ME SAFE.

I have the right to

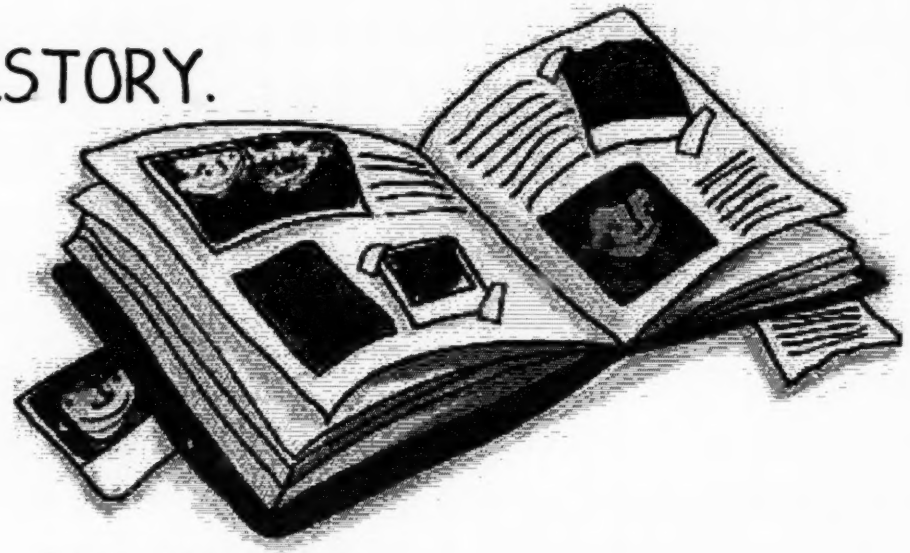
BE who I am.

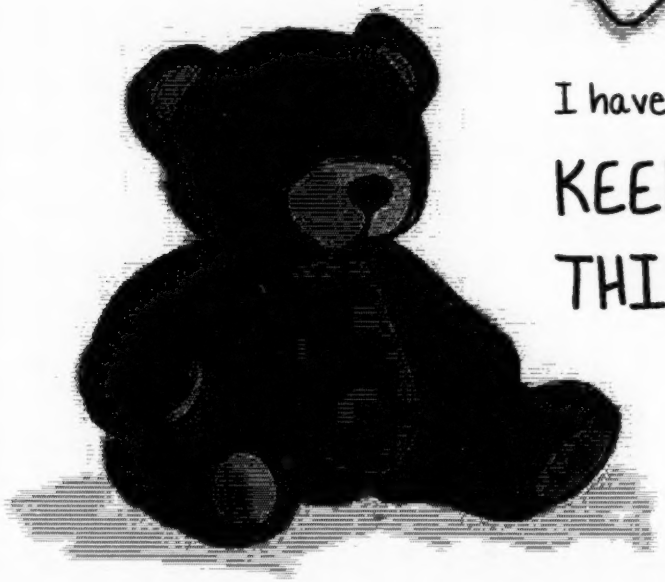


What I THINK and FEEL
and WANT is important.

I have the right to

KNOW my own HISTORY.





I have the right to

KEEP my FAVORITE THINGS with me.

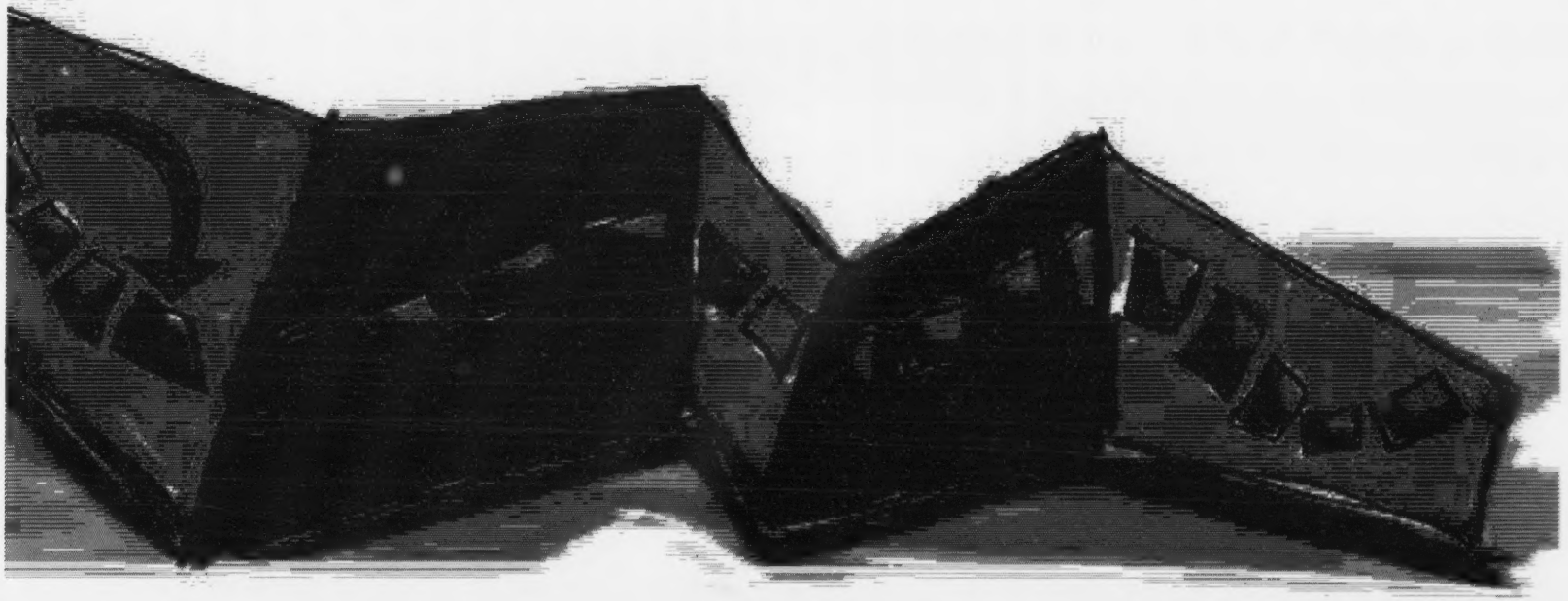
I have the right to

have a reasonable amount
of FREEDOM and PRIVACY.

I have the right to
KNOW THE PLANS made for my care,
and know WHY I am in care.

I have the right to

BE INVOLVED in decisions that are made about me, and KNOW WHY a decision was made.



I have the right to

VISIT or TALK with my FAMILY and FRIENDS, and to be told WHY if I cannot.

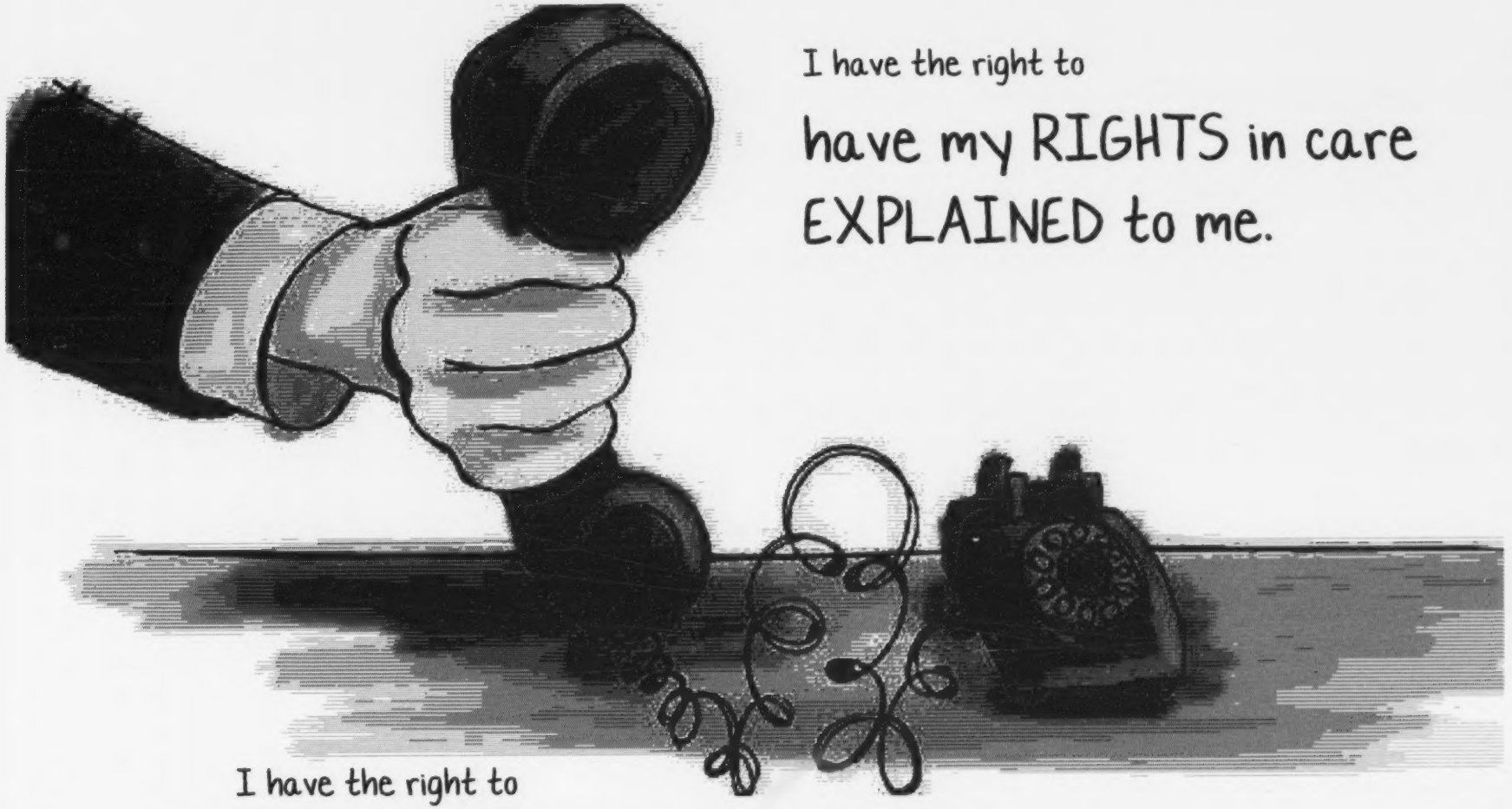
I have the right to

Be LEFT ALONE when I am VISITING or TALKING to my family - as long as I am SAFE.

when I need to.

I have the right to

go to SCHOOL, the same as any young person in Alberta does.

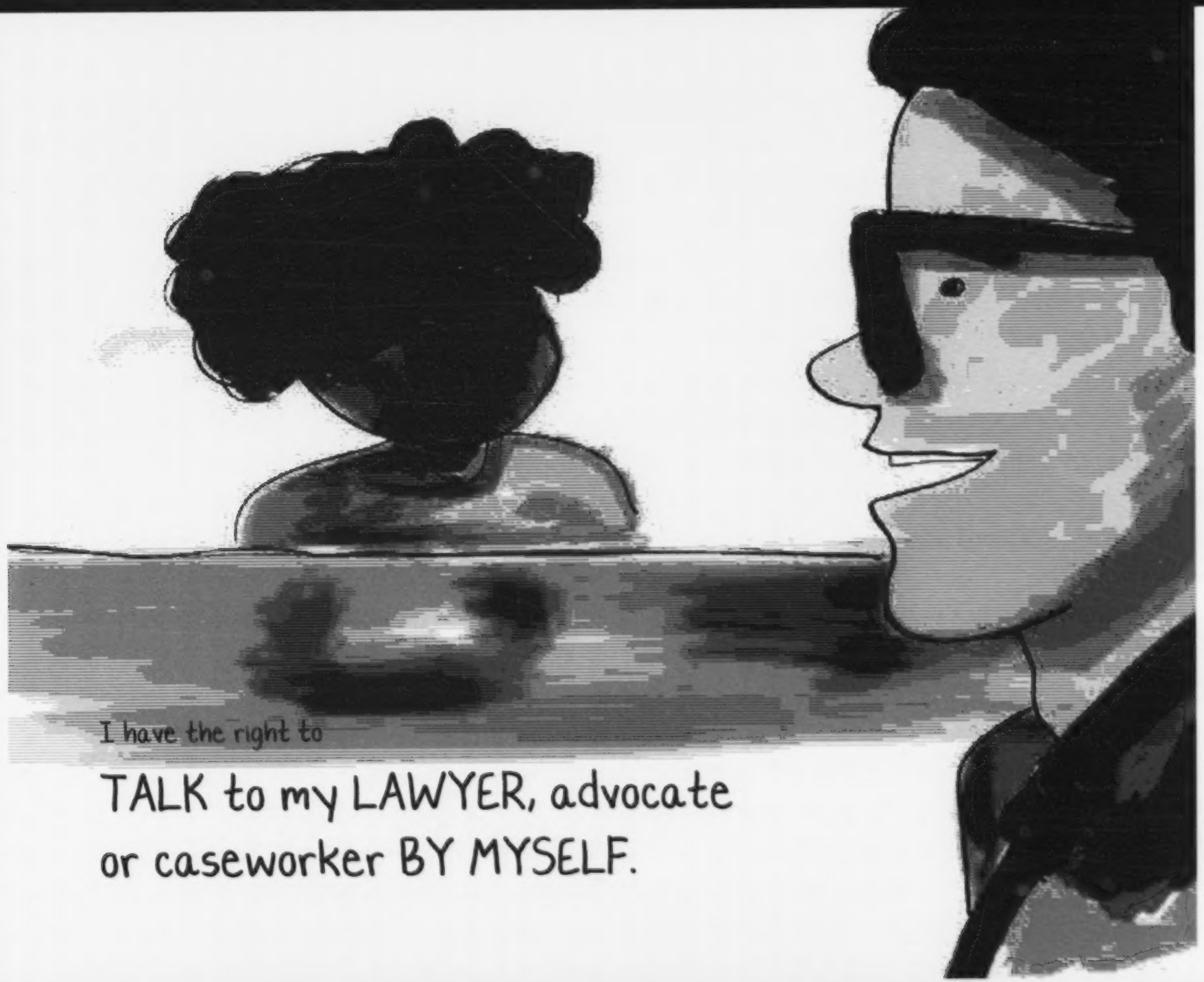


I have the right to

have my RIGHTS in care EXPLAINED to me.

I have the right to

KNOW ABOUT and BE HELPED to call the Child and Youth Advocate.


I have the right to
TALK to my LAWYER, advocate
or caseworker BY MYSELF.

I have the right to

LEARN the things that will HELP me be the BEST PERSON I can be.

If you feel that your rights are not being respected, you can do something!

ASK QUESTIONS!

- → Call your caseworker. Ask them to explain what your rights are.
- → Talk to someone that you trust - it could be your parent, foster parent, teacher, an elder or pastor, a counselor, or a family friend.
- → Ask to speak to your caseworker's boss. You should write down that person's name and phone number.

Call the Child & Youth Advocate Office and ask to speak to an advocate.

* All of these rights can be found in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, which the Province of Alberta endorsed in 1999.

REMEMBER!

1. YOU have RIGHTS!
2. If you feel that no-one is LISTENING to you and that you need someone to STAND UP for you, DO SOMETHING!
   - → Call your caseworker
   - → Call your caseworker s boss
   - → Call the Child and Youth Advocate

Edmonton	780 422-6056
Calgary	403 297-8435
Toll Free	1-800-661-3446

CONTACT LIST!

My caseworker

NAME: PHONE NUMBER:

My caseworker's boss

NAME: PHONE NUMBER:

Child & Youth Advocate

Toll-free: 1-800-661-3446

PHONE NUMBER: Edmonton: 780 422-6056 Calgary: 403 297-8435

Crisis Line

PHONE NUMBER:

My contact information

ADDRESS:

PHONE NUMBER:

People I trust. (space for extra #s)

To connect toll-free in Alberta to any Alberta government office, dial 310-0000 followed by the area code and phone number of the person you want to call. If you have a cellphone, dial *310 or #310.

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